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Solutions Studied to Slide Problems;

By JOSEPHINE ZIMMERMAN Access to Recreation Areas Planned

Provo Canyon, all along the route, but particularly in the Upper Falls area. for the proposed freeway in rock falls all present problems Snowslides, rock slides, and

high on the hillside opposite Bridal Veil and Upper Falls, passing near the mouths of Lost are named for the problems they and Snow Canyon. The last two Creek Canyon, Slide Canyon, The new highway route runs

Bert Taylor, preconstruction engineer for the highway

would divert slides. These are

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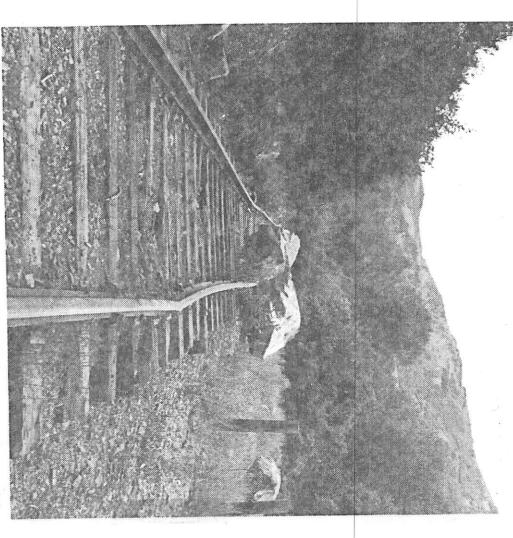
problems.
Four Approaches the highway: preventing slides from covering There are four ways of

catch avalanches and slides at their source. This would be running into millions of dollars. extremely costly, earthwork barriers at the 1. Fencing the high ledges to Constructing possibly large

department, reports he has also expensive and have not brought in an avalanche expert proven to be particularly successful elsewhere.

mouths of the canyons which covered area where their eyes cannot adjust to the change dangerous for them to drive suddenly into a darkened their eyes adjusted to the bright snow-covered areas will have the practice. The council warns quickly. National Safety Council opposes light, and it is extremely that motorists driving through been done in other areas, but the highway in slide areas. This has 3. Building shelters over the

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ROCK FALLS occur year-around in Provo Canyon. This shot, taken last week on the old railroad right of way below Bridal Veil Falls

shows some of the rocks which have toppled from the cliffs above. The railroad track is bent as a result.

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4. Shooting down the The highway department has frontage road. concluded that this is the safest snowslides.

Traffic Delay

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As far as rock falls are frontage road. highway to remove any rocks into the Nunns picnic area. which have toppled down from the cliffs.

the various recreation and residential areas in the canyon. The ways they can be reached are as follows:

Orem Canyon Park-a grade

crossing over the new highway.

frontage road down to Spring traffic to the South Fork.

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Rotary Park

park on the new frontage road to be made. the point where it joins the present highway below the Bridal Veil Falls parking lot, then cut back down to the entrance.

Bridal Veil Falls - Up-canyon traffic will use the frontage road, and down-canyon traffic may exit at Nunns, then cut back up the canyon. However, the highway department plans to build two parking lots on each side of the freeway, where cars may pull off. A footpath will lead from there down the hill to the Bridal Veil Falls visitor's center.

Upper Falls - Can be reached Wicks-by way of the present by the frontage road, with downavalanches, as is done at Alta. highway, which will become a canyon traffic exiting at Nunns and cutting back up the canyon.

Spring Dell-Up-canyon Vivian Park - An interchange and most practical method of traffic will take the frontage is planned at Vivian Park which protecting the highway from road. Down-canyon traffic may will permit exit of traffic both exit at Nunns and take the ways. There will be a spur for

> Wildwood - Traffic may exit Canyon Glen-Up-canyon at Vivian Park and travel up-

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